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Letter dated 5 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement expressing the position of the Government of Austria with regard to the question of the Yugoslav membership in the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement by the Government of Austria

The constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is a further important step in the process of dissolution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia referred to in opinion No. 1 of the Arbitration Committee of the EC Conference on Yugoslavia, chaired by His Excellency President Badinter, President of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of France. There is no legal basis for an automatic continuation of the legal existence of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which therefore cannot be considered to continue the Yugoslav membership in the United Nations.

For an eventual international recognition of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the criteria contained in the guidelines on the recognition of new States adopted by the Council of the European Communities on 16 December 1991 should be applied. In this respect, Austria draws special attention to the requirements of the protection of human rights and the rights of ethnic groups.